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The Crucible Vocabulary List

Chronological

1. **fanatics** (4) n- extremists; enthusiasts
2. **vain** (4) adj- proud; conceited; self-important [variations: vanity (110, 136) n]
3. **predilection** (5) n- fondness; liking; preference; partiality
4. **ingratiating** (6) adj- charming; flattering
5. **ideology** (6) n- beliefs; principles; philosophy; ideas
6. **theocracy** (7) n- a system of government where clergy rule in the name of God
7. **dissembling** (9) v- hiding one's true motives or beliefs
8. **faction** (10, 127) n- group; party; division
9. **abomination** (11, 79) n- something hated or disliked
10. **sniveling** (12) adj- crying; weeping; bawling
11. **deference** (12, 62) n- respect; esteem; admiration [variations: defers (28) v; deferentially (93) adv]
12. **providence** (13, 81) n- event guided by God; destiny; divine intervention
13. **smirched** (15) adj-v- discredited; stained; tainted
14. **corroborating** (15) v- confirming; supporting; backing up
15. **intimations** (15) n- hints; suggestions
16. **hearty** (15, 131) adj- strong; energetic
17. **formidable** (16) adj- terrifying; terrible; difficult
18. **trepidation** (18, 40) n- fear; anxiety; unease; nervousness
19. **calumny** (20) n- lies, slander; false accusation
20. **titillated** (21) adj- aroused; excited
21. **sidles** (21) v- walks, edges, or creeps sideways in a cautious, sneaky manner
22. **feverishly** (22, 141) adv- excitedly; agitatedly; intensely [variations: feverish (24) adj]
23. **pretense** (24+) n- make-believe; charade; deception; false show
24. **prodigious** (25, 98, 124) adj- huge; giant; extraordinary; remarkable; impressive
25. **contiguous** (26) adj- adjacent; bordering; neighboring
26. **quail** (29, 71, 120, 132) v- to draw back; to shy away; to recoil
27. **scoffed** (33, 34) v- ridiculed; mocked; laughed at; sneered
28. **inculcation** (34) n- teaching by repetition and urging
29. **diametrically** (33) adv- completely; absolutely; entirely (with reference to opposition)
30. **abrogation** (34) n- cancellation; revocation; termination

31. **propitiation** (35) n- an act designed to soothe or satisfy
32. **mores** (35) n- values; customs; traditions
33. **laxity** (36) n- lenience; tolerance; carelessness; sloppiness
34. **avidly** (39, 58) adv- eagerly; enthusiastically [variation: avid (75) adj]
35. **licentious** (41) adj- immoral; wicked; unrestrained
36. **blanched** (42, 111) adj- paled; whitened
37. **loftily** (54) adv- proudly; arrogantly
38. **pallor** (55) n- paleness; whiteness; pastiness
39. **ameliorate** (56) v- to improve; to make more tolerable
40. **indignant** (57, 112) adj- angry; offended; resentful [variations: indignation (103) n]
41. **base** (62) adj- mean; lacking morals
42. **flailing** (67, 136) v- reaching wildly; swinging wildly
43. **tainted** (71) adj- stained; spoiled; contaminated
44. **gingerly** (73) adv- cautiously; delicately; carefully
45. **wrath** (79, 85) n- anger; rage; fury
46. **contentious** (85) adj- argumentative; confrontational; aggressive [variations: contend (132) v; contention (15,17, 88, 125) n]
47. **deposition** (88+) n- statement; evidence; declaration; affidavit
48. **revelation** (89) n- surprise; exposure; disclosure
49. **discontents** (94, 128) n- people who are dissatisfied, unhappy, and restless
50. **faltering** (97, 130) v- hesitating; uncertain; unsure; wavering
51. **effrontery** (98) n- insult; rudeness; disrespect
52. **ipso facto** (100) n- by that very fact; as an inevitable result
53. **placidly** (100) adv- calmly; gently; kindly
54. **incredulously** (104, 135) adv- with disbelief; doubtfully; skeptically [variations: incredulous (141) adj]
55. **agape** (114, 126) adj- wide open
56. **conciliatory** (129) adj- soothing; intended to comfort
57. **beguile** (129, 143) v- to trick; to entice; to charm
58. **floundering** (129) n- a struggle; a hesitation
59. **cleave** (132) v- to adhere; to stick
60. **sibilance** (133) n- a hissing sound